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1. Between 10 and 16 December 1950, the Flak Kaserne on Luetzenorstrasse Leipzig-Schoenau (N 52/E 21), was occupied by about 1,500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank and artillery insignia. More than half of the troops were recruits. Four soldiers with field glasses were observed on the observation tower of the central barracks building, looking in all directions. About 40 soldiers were drilling in the billeting area. Other troops were engaged in a game of soccer behind the eastern gate of the installation, while about 150 men practiced entrenching and close combat in the orchard.

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2. The Flak Kaserne on Torgauerstrasse, Leipzig-Heiterblick, quartered about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. A large percentage of the troops were recruits. The observation tower at the drill field near the installation was occupied by a guard. A T-34 tank was used for driving practice at the field.

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3. The Hindenburg Kaserne on Danzigerstrasse was occupied by about 200 men, some of whom were recruits. The troops wore black-bordered red epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets, and a few black-bordered black epaulets. One soldier had red-bordered green epaulets and another black-bordered blue epaulets. Fuel drums were rolled from the fuel dump in the northern section of the billeting area to a garage. Many officers were seen entering or leaving the installation.

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4. Only a few soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were observed in the Train Kaserne on Olbrechtstrasse. The number of troops in the installation could not be determined. (4)

5. Ten officers and 20 MI wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen riding a streetcar to the hospital on Danzigerstrasse.

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6. The WVD Kaserne on Viertelsweg was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered green epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. No information on the activities of the troops could be obtained. (6)

7. On 14 and 15 November, the Flak Kaserne, Leipzig-Lochschau, was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. A bricklayer who had worked in the installation said that the barracks buildings were heavily occupied. He alleged to have counted 50 tanks, 20 artillery pieces, five AT guns, and four rocket launchers. (1)

8. On 4 December, it was learned that the former German Army post hospital on Danzigerstrasse was referred to as Soviet Central Hospital. [redacted] were seen in hospital records. (5)

- (1) [redacted] Comments. The last report of mid-September stated that only about 300 troops were quartered in the installation. [redacted] The present report indicates that the units stationed there returned from the summer and fall exercises in the intervening period. According to the Flak Kaserne probably quarters elements of the 21st Gds Mecz Div, possibly one mechanized regiment, and headquarters units of the XXIX Gds Atz Rifle Corps. The bricklayer's statements require confirmation.

- (2) The information does not contain any data which differs from the last report of early November. [redacted]  
(3) [redacted] observed 300 troops in the Hindenburg Kaserne at the beginning of November. [redacted] However, it is doubted that any substantial changes in the number of troops stationed there should have occurred. [redacted]

- (4) [redacted] reported the Train Kaserne to have been occupied by about 300 troops in mid-September. [redacted]

- (5) The installation was last described as a military hospital in May 1950. [redacted]

- (6) The occupation of the WVD Kaserne on Viertelsweg has remained virtually constant in recent months. An WVD battalion is believed to be quartered there.

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